the Navy not participated in the event will not be reimbursed by the sponsor.

(2) Transportation costs may be excluded from the costs to be borne by the sponsor when the transportation can be accomplished by government aircraft on a normal training flight or opportune airlift.

## § 705.20 Use of Navy material and facilities.

- (a) The loan of equipment and permission to use facilities will be dependent on the following:
- (1) The program support must be within the command's public affairs responsibility.
- (2) The loan of the equipment must not interfere with the military mission of the command.
- (3) Equipment must be available within the command or obtainable from another Navy command in the local area.
- (4) The event must be of the type for which participation is considered appropriate.
- (5) It must not be in any direct or implied competition with a commercial source.
- (6) There must be no potential danger to persons or private property that could result in a claim against the government. Safety requirements will be observed.
- (b) Use of open mess facilities will be permitted only under one of the following conditions:
- (1) Incident to the holding of a professional or technical seminar at the command.
- (2) Incident to an official visit to the command by a civic group.
- (3) Navy League Council luncheon or dinner meetings (not to exceed one per quarter per group).
- (4) Incident to group visits by the Boy Scouts of America, Boys Clubs of America, the Navy League Sea Cadets (by virtue of their federal charters), Girl Scouts and the Navy League Shipmates, and a few representative adult leaders.
- (c) Use of the official Navy flag will be in accordance with SECNAVINST 10520.2C and of official emblem in accordance with OPNAVINST 5030.11B.
- (d) Requests not meeting the criteria cited here, but which are considered by

the officer in command to have merit, may be referred to the Chief of Information.

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## § 705.21 Requests for Navy participation.

- (a) Decisions will be made on a caseby-case basis. Events which are inappropriate for one type of participation may be entirely appropriate for another type of participation. A positive and flexible approach should be employed.
- (b) Requests by civilian organizations for Navy participation in programs or events they sponsor should be addressed to the nearest naval installation and should be evaluated and authorized at that level if possible. Request exceeding local resoures, or requiring authorization from higher authority, should be forwarded through appropriate channels.
- (c) Requests for Armed Forces participation in public events are to be submitted on official request forms (§§ 705.33, 705.34 and 705.36) by the sponsors of events occurring outside a command's area of direct knowledge and local capability, or involving a type or level of participation unavailable locally, or requiring approval of higher authority.
- (d) Fact sheets expounding upon normally requested assets are enclosed in §§ 705.33, 705.34 and 705.36 and may be reproduced and distributed locally.
- (e) The official request form is to be used on all requests referred to the Chief of Information and to the Office of Assistant Secretary of Defense (Public Affairs).

## § 705.22 Relations with community groups.

- (a) Naval commands will cooperate with and assist community groups within their capabilities, to the event authorized by current instructions, and will participate in their activitis to the extent feasible.
- (b) Navy commands will encourage membership of personnel in community organizations.
- (c) Officers in command will withhold approval of requests from community groups, organizations or individuals